
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1136

AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the commissioners of the mental health and addiction services, children and families (DCF), and social services departments, in consultation with the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council, to establish and implement a regional behavioral health consultation and care coordination program for primary care providers who serve children.

Under the bill, the program must give these primary care providers (1) timely access to a consultation team that includes a child psychiatrist, social worker, and care coordinator; (2) patient care coordination and transitional services for behavioral health care; and (3) training and education concerning patient access to behavioral health services. The commissioners may enter into a contract for services to administer the program.

The bill requires the commissioners to jointly submit a plan to the Public Health, Children, Human Services, and Appropriations Committees. The plan must be submitted by October 1, 2013 and include an implementation timeline for the program.

The DCF commissioner may adopt regulations to implement the program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (04/01/2013)

